

Senate Resolution 1105

By: Senator Brown of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 18, 2010, as Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Day at the state capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was founded at Howard University, on
4 November 17, 1911, by three students, Brother Oscar J. Cooper, M.D., Brother Frank
5 Coleman, Ph.D., Brother Edgar A. Love, D.D., and Brother Ernest E. Just, Ph.D., who served
6 as their faculty advisor; and

7 WHEREAS, on December 1, 1919, Raymond G. Robinson traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, at
8 his own expense, to help Brothers Harold Thomas, Horace A. Hodges, Harvey Smith, and
9 Lawrence R. Harper establish Eta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., which was
10 composed of college graduated professional men and selected students from Morehouse
11 College, Atlanta University, Clark College, and Gammon Theological Seminary, as the first
12 chapter of any Black Greek lettered organization to be founded and chartered in the State of
13 Georgia and was renamed Eta Omega Chapter in 1923, "The Mother Pearl of the Seventh
14 District" of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

15 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Organization was established in 1963. Since that time,
16 Georgia has established itself as a flagship state organization within the 7th District. This
17 state has been under the leadership of State Representatives Brother Robert Church
18 (1963-1964, Fort Valley); Arthur Owens, Sr. (1965-1975, Atlanta); Lester B. Johnson, Sr.
19 (1976-1979, Savannah); David L. Brown, Sr. (1980-1982, Atlanta); Samuel D. Jolley, Jr.
20 (1983-1985, Macon); Alonza A. Bennett (1985-1987, Decatur); William "Buck" Crosby
21 (1987-1990, Brunswick); Joseph Gosha (1991-1992, Columbus); Elijah Hill (1993-1995,
22 Warner Robbins); Robert H. Carter (1995-1998, Decatur); Marion B. Williams (1998-2001,
23 Marietta); Ronald J. Taylor (2001-2004, Macon); Wilbur Carver, Jr. (2004-2007, Albany);
24 and James Cistrunk (2007-present, Decatur); and

25 WHEREAS, the most senior Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., residing in the State
26 of Georgia, initiated 50 years ago or more, include Brothers Arthur Douglas (1935, Rho Psi);
27 Dosh Jackson, Sr. (1935, Psi); Harvey B. Smith (1942, Psi); C. Clayton Powell, Sr. (1945,
28 Psi); Tesse Hill (1945, Beta Psi); Thomas Wood, Jr. (1946, Rho Psi); Samuel Dubois-Cook
29 (1946, Psi); Borah Walton (1946, Beta Psi); Erskine Boazman (1947, Theta Psi); Fletcher
30 Combs (1947, Psi); Alfred Wyatt (1947, Beta Psi); Stanley Goseer (1947, Beta Psi); Eddie
31 Daniels (1949, Rho Psi); William Turner (1950, Xi Psi); Marion Porter (1950, Xi Psi);
32 George Canty (1950, Rho Psi); Bennie Lowe (1950, Beta Psi); Marion McMillan (1950, Xi
33 Psi); and Arthur Hall (1950, Chi Epsilon); and

34 WHEREAS, Georgia has produced two Grand Basili of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.,
35 Harold Thomas and Moses C. Norman, and three First Vice Grand Basili, John Calhoun,
36 Jesse O. Thomas, and Joe Brooks; and

37 WHEREAS, there are Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., who serve in the Georgia
38 legislature, including Brother Representative Carl Von Epps (1966, Psi); Brother
39 Representative Joe Heckstall (1967, Kappa Epsilon); Brother Representative Winfred J.
40 Dukes (1975, Gamma Zeta); Brother Representative Calvin Smyre (1980, Lambda Iota);
41 Brother Representative Quincy Murphy (1976, Psi Omega); and Brother Representative
42 Ernest Smith (1981, Epsilon Gamma Gamma); and

43 WHEREAS, this historic event was presented by the Georgia State Leadership Council,
44 chaired by State Representative James Cistrunk (1984, Eta); produced by the Georgia State
45 Governmental Relations Committee, chaired by Brother Alonza Solomon (1975, Epsilon
46 Psi); developed by the Georgia State Omega Day Committee, chaired by Brother H.
47 Benjamin Williams (1962, Beta Gamma); and coordinated by Brother William S. Cannon V
48 (1972, Eta Omega).

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
50 recognize Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and commend the cardinal principles of manhood,
51 scholarship, perseverance, and uplift endorsed by its members and their exemplary public
52 service.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Thursday, February 18, 2010, is recognized as Omega
54 Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Day at the state capitol.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
56 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to State Representative James Cistrunk,
57 Seventh District Representative Keith Jackson, and Grand Basileus Warren Lee.